

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS 06.265

APPLICANT: Tennessee Department of Transportation
Environmental Planning and Permits Division
Suite 900, James K. Polk Building
505 Deaderick Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0338
615-253-2477

LOCATION: The proposed alteration is located on Whitehall Road over Mill Creek at Log Mile 0.97 in Putnam County. The proposed alteration is located in the northwest corner of Putnam County near the Jackson County line. (36.2561°N, 85.5026°W)

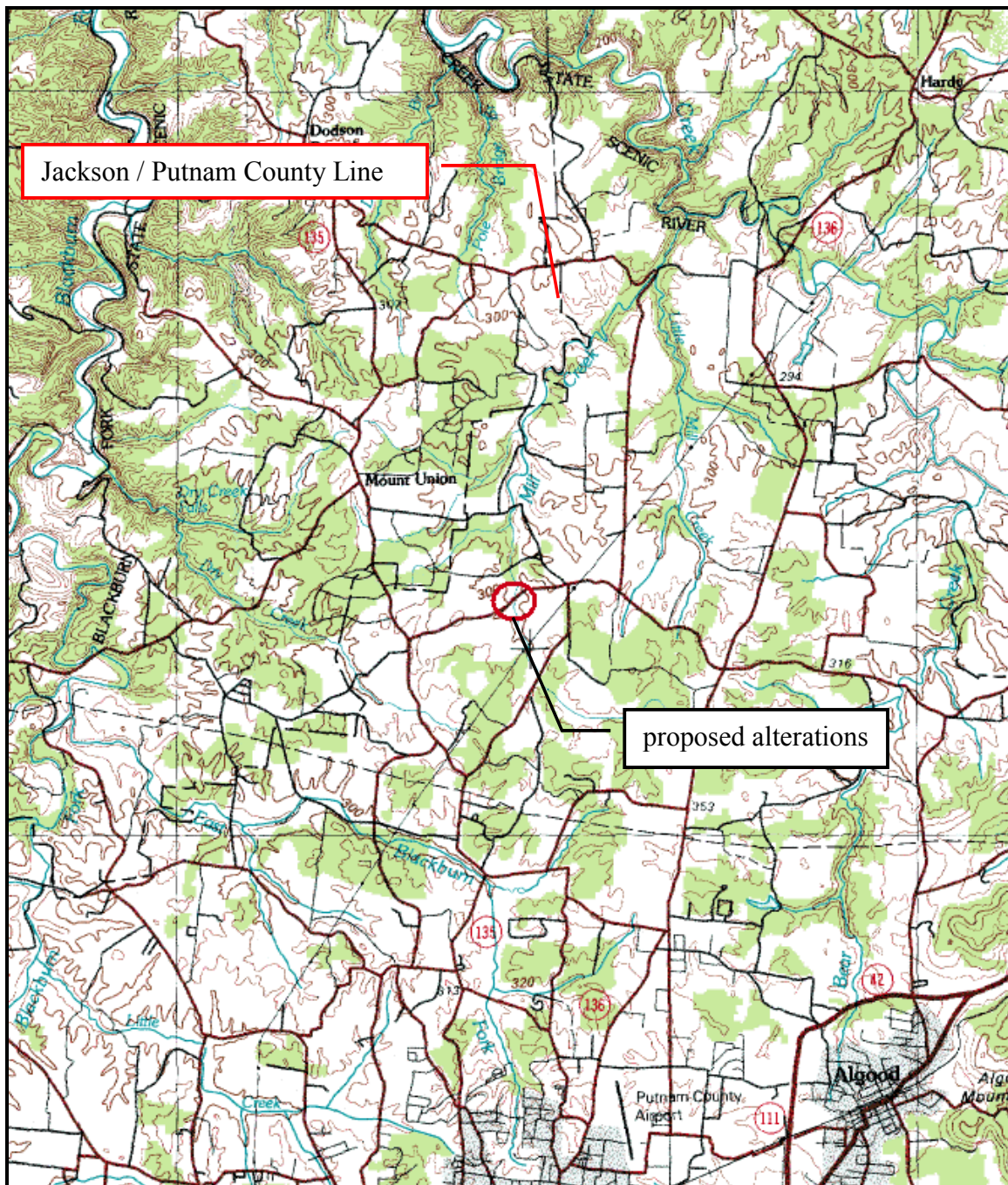
WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: The proposed alterations would impact two streams, a spring and a wetland. They are located in the Cumberland-Cordell Hull Reservoir watershed (HUC 05130106). The streams are Mill Creek and an unnamed tributary to Mill Creek. The wetland is adjacent to Mill Creek on the north side of Whitehall Road and on the west side of Mill Creek. The spring originates on the north side of the road and flows east towards Mill Creek. Mill Creek has a water width of approximately 6 to 8 ft. and depth that ranges from 6 in. to 1 ft. Top of bank width for Mill Creek is approximately 15 ft. and the bank height ranges from 2 to 3 ft. The tributary originates at a spring on the south side of Whitehall Road and flows north under the road to Mill Creek. It has no defined channel from the spring to the road but does have defined channel from the outlet of the existing culvert to Mill Creek. The wetland consists mainly of sedges and cattail.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes the following alterations (1) replace the existing single span steel girder bridge over Mill Creek with 92 ft. of a two barrel (each barrel is 14 ft. x 10 ft.) concrete box bridge, (2) replace the existing 36 in. corrugated metal pipe with 82 ft. of 60 in. reinforced concrete pipe, (3) permanently fill 0.088 acre of wetland, and (4) temporary impact 0.038 acre of wetland. A portion of the wetland (0.088 acre) and spring would be impacted by the construction of a rock pad. The temporary wetland impact would be compensated by removing the top 12 in. of topsoil and stockpiled prior to construction. Once construction is complete, the area of temporary impact would be reshaped to pre-construction elevation with the stockpiled topsoil and trees planted (black willow, sweet gum, sycamore, green ash, and red maple).

In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activity will not result in degradation to water quality.

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Dodson-Branch, TN (325 – SE)

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Trent Thomas



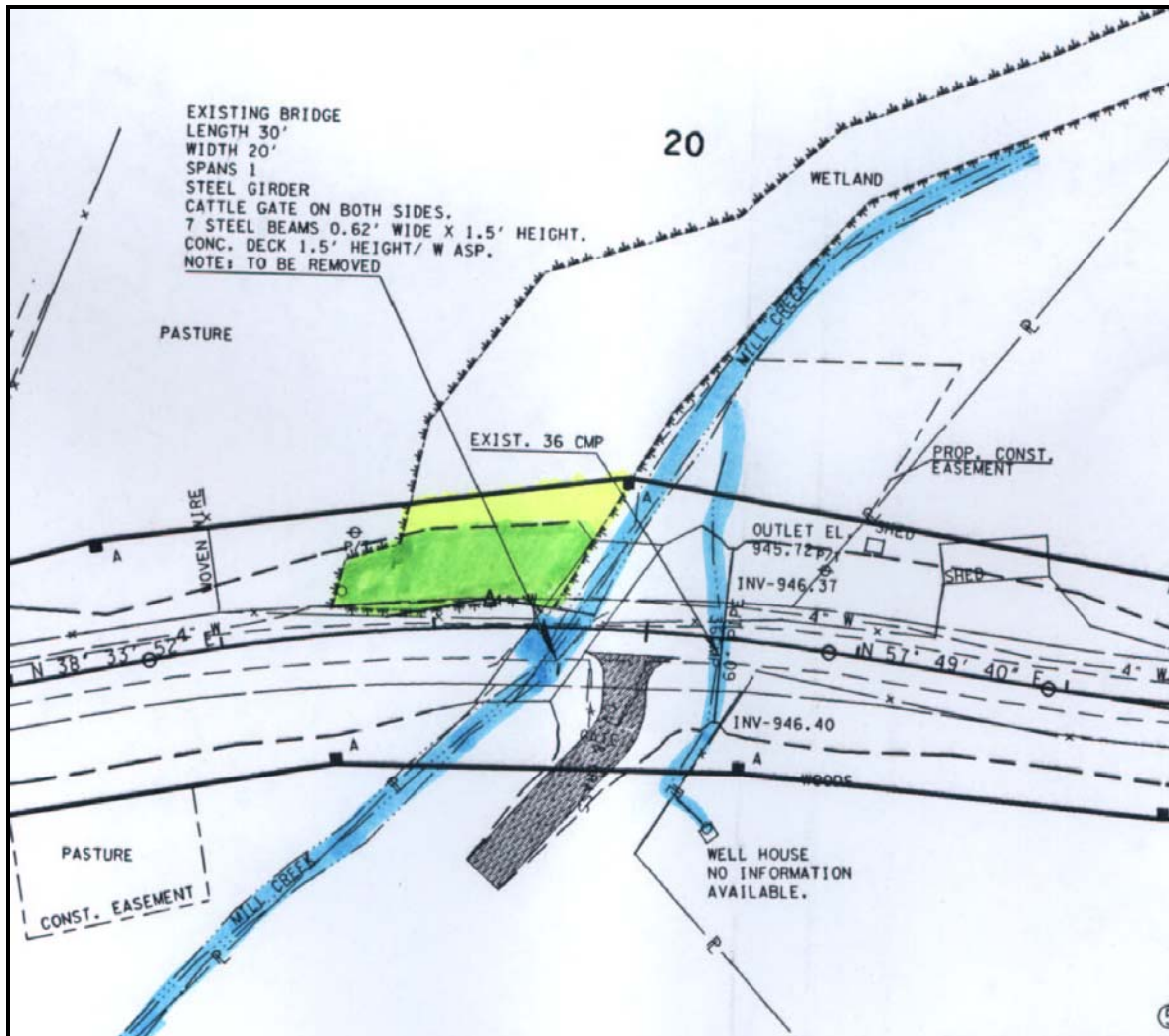


Figure 2: Detailed sketch of existing conditions



Picture 1: Spring source and channel before flowing under Whitehall Road

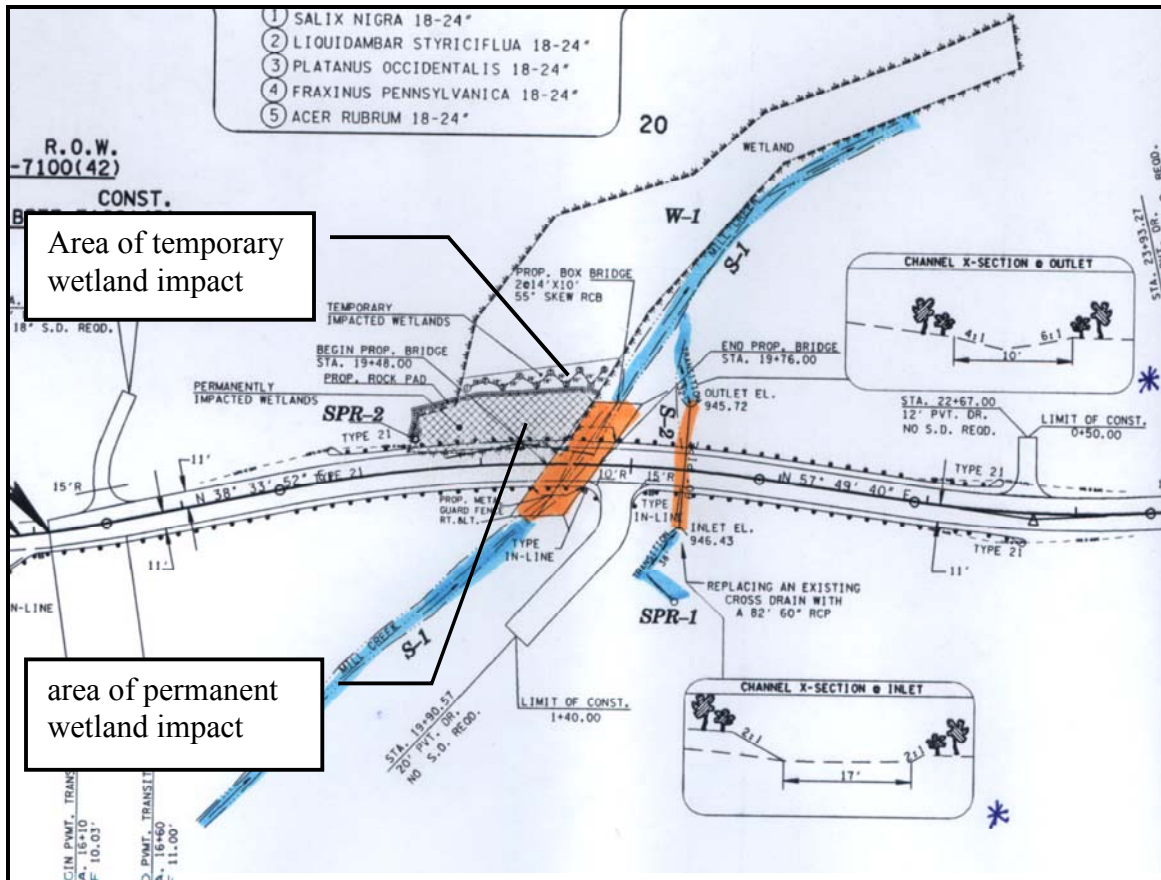


Figure 3: Detailed sketch of proposed conditions



Picture 2: Mill Creek looking upstream at bridge to be replaced



Picture 3: Wetland area adjacent to Mill Creek downstream of bridge

No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this permit. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing.

The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address for review and/or copying. The department's address is:

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Pollution Control, Natural Resources Section
7th Floor L & C Annex
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243

In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments on record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws.